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1. FOR THE RECORD AND CONTRARY TO ALLEGATIONS OF NORWEGIAN

SEAMEN'S UNION, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT SURPRESS "PUBLIC SECTOR UNION ORGANIZATION." WITH EXCEPTION OF SELF DEFENSE FORCES, POLICE AND FIREMEN, JAPAN'S CIVIL SERVANTS, AS WELL AS EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS SUCH AS NATIONAL RAILWAYS AND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORPORATION, HAVE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY. MOST PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS ARE IN FACT ORGANIZED BY JAPAN'S LARGEST LABOR FEDERATION, SOHYO. PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS, HOWEVER, DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AND, AGAINST SUCH ILLEGAL STRIKES, JAPANESE LAW AUTHORIZES APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL AS WELL AS CIVIL PENALTIES. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, GOJ METES OUT ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, INCLUDING REPRIMANDS, REDUCTION IN SALARY AND DISMISSAL. JAPANESE PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS HAVE ALLEGED THAT GOJ'S BAN ON STRIKES IN PUBLIC SECTOR IS VIOLATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87 AND, LAST FALL, ENGAGED IN QUIXOTIC ONE WEEK ILLEGAL STRIKE OSTENSIBLY TO PERSUADE GOJ TO GRANT THEM THE RIGHT TO STRIKE.

2. IRONICALLY, JAPANESE DELEGATE TO ILO HARAGUCHI, WHO HAILS FROM SOHYO, STRONGLY SUPPORTING AMBASSADOR TSURUMI'S CANDIDACY AS CHAIRMAN OF MARITIME CONFERENCE.
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